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MUTANT



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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 2, 1999, entry and consideration of the
following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 20, 22-30 and 32-42, without prejudice.

Add the following claims.

Sub 37 -- 43. A method of treating a metastatic tumor which occurs in but does not originate
from the central nervous system of a human which method comprises the step of administering to
the said human an effective amount of a mutant herpes simplex virus type I which has a non-
functional γ 34.5 gene in the long repeat region (R_L).